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ensure that they're out there. My biggest problem is that we're going to have 40 or 50 people, licensed mechanics, in the state to service the entire state. I just think that's a little much. But I do want you to read the second page of this handout that I provided, and I'll just go over just a couple things here. It says, if so, I'm right in the middle of the top paragraph, this clause would also eliminate the ability of persons in greater Nebraska, or one of Nebraska's border cities, to hire a contract from their normal trade area to install or service their conveyance. For example, a South Dakota elevator contractor from Rapid City would not be able to perform contracting work in Chadron unless both the contractor and the elevator mechanics are licensed in Nebraska. Licensure of those mechanics in Nebraska would require that the mechanics will have first been employed by a Nebraska elevator contractor for three years in order to be eligible for licensure. It is interesting to consider, also, how the applicant for an elevator mechanic license would be treated if his or her three years of experience was obtained as a self-employed person. And then the very last paragraph: You also ask, is the present system in such a mess and public safety been jeopardized that such a bill is needed? The Department of Labor believes that the present elevator inspection program does a good job of protecting citizens in the state of Nebraska, and that public safety will not be jeopardized if LB 99 fails to pass. LB 99 is now the amendment. I just have great concern that we're taking a very few group of people and going to stretch those out across Nebraska and provide good service. I just think this is a little heavy handed. If there were more individuals that were licensed in the state, if there were more companies that were licensed, perhaps we could get better service. You also got to recognize that the fewer there are, the more expensive, because of less competition that is out there. So read that very carefully and then make up your own mind how you want to advance or not advance this elevator bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion? Senator Smith, followed by Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Would Senator Synowiecki yield to some questions?